2014 Goals and Objectives

As we turn the page on 2013, the Police Department looks to 2014. The objectives we identify are intended to improve the service to our community and gain the confidence, respect, and support of our citizens and visitors. Our overall goal is to enhance the quality of life our community deserves.

- 1. In March the Department will kick off its first Citizen's Police Academy. This program will provide participants the opportunity to learn about the operational issues of the Department and the performance expectations of the officers and employees. The Department is accepting applications for the program through January. Information can be obtained at the Police Department at 201 West Grundy Street, or on the City's website at www.tullahomatn.gov.
- 2. The Department's bicycle patrol will receive certification in the early spring and will be utilized in patrol and community event settings. The bicycle patrol, consisting of four officers, will be assigned special details in addition to their normal patrol duties. Such details may include large community events where a bicycle can move quickly through a crowd and to different locations where a vehicle might not. The details will also include patrolling of designated areas for criminal activity.
- 3. Throughout the year the Department will continue to focus on traffic enforcement in order to maintain the safe and orderly movement of vehicles on our roadways and reduce the instances of motor vehicle collisions. The Department will also utilize pro-active police measures to identify and reduce criminal activity. Additionally, the Department members will provide public presentations in the area of basic crime prevention, gang awareness, senior citizens issues and topics, and other presentations as requested. The professional development of our officers will include a training calendar that includes online courses for all officers, specialized schooling, and general in service classes.
- 6. All officers will serve as ambassadors of our City and our profession. Our performance will remain of a selfless service nature and our focus shall be quality service to our citizens and visitors. Should you have any questions about the operation of the Police Department, please contact Chief Paul Blackwell at (931) 455-0530, or pblackwell@tullahomatn.gov.